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SUBJECT: GOZ SLAMS TANZANIA OVER VIOLENCE OBSERVATION TRIP

REF: HARARE 432

Classified By: Ambassador James D. McGee for reason 1.4 (d)

¶1. (C) Polecon chief spoke May 20 with Theobald Kazora, the number two in the Tanzanian embassy in Harare, who accompanied the Ambassador on his trip May 13 to visit a "torture camp" and hospitals in rural Mashonaland East.

¶2. (C) Kazora said he elected to accept the Ambassador's invitation because of his concern regarding the ongoing violence. At the time of the trip, the Tanzanian ambassador was in South Africa conferring about Zimbabwe with other SADC members, and Kazora did not notify anyone in the embassy that he was participating.

¶3. (C) Following the trip, the Tanzanian embassy's Head of Chancery (administrative head) was summoned to Zimbabwean Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MFA) and berated for participating on the trip with "Zimbabwe's enemy." According to Kazora, the MFA was under the impression that the Tanzanian ambassador, Adadi Rajabu, had represented the Tanzanian embassy. The Head of Chancery, who was unaware Kazora had participated, told the MFA that Rajabu had been absent from Zimbabwe on the day in question. Nevertheless, according to Kazora, the MFA wrote a strongly-worded letter of protest to the Tanzanian MFA in Dar es Salaam.

¶4. (C) Kazora said when Rajabu returned to Harare and learned about the trip, he asked Kazora for details. He was supportive of Kazora's participation, telling him he had done "the right thing" in going. Kazora said Rajabu was appalled by the current violence and wanted to see Mugabe go.

¶5. (C) Kazora told us he had reported on the trip and on violence in general to his MFA. He had made it clear in his reporting that ZANU-PF--and not the MDC--was behind the violence, and he was confident the Tanzanian MFA and President Kikwete had a good understanding of the situation.

¶6. (C) Ambassador McGee is planning to visit another rural area on May 23 and we invited Kazora to accompany us. He declined; he said Rajabu wanted the embassy to keep a low profile in light of the recent acrimony with the Zimbabwean government.

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